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Subject: FW: LATEST -- Bombs in our Backyard; HOW MILITARY OUTSOURCING TURNED TOXIC

F.Y.I. – Well written ProPublica article on the environmental and toxicity issues related to RDX contamination by the U.S. military. I am quoted in the article several times. I have worked on RDX groundwater contamination in R10 since 1990 and have provided technical assistance to several other Regions on sites such as MMR.

Harry

From: Abrahm Lustgarten [mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
Subject: FW: LATEST -- Bombs in our Backyard; HOW MILITARY OUTSOURCING TURNED TOXIC

Good morning. Once again, I'd like to share the newest installment in our series, Bombs in Our Backyard, about the Pentagon's pollution on domestic soil. This one's an epic account of how a powerful explosive compound heroically developed by the U.S. Military to win the second world war has since become a little-known but dangerous pollutant – and the extraordinary lengths the Pentagon has gone to, to evade responsibility for it.

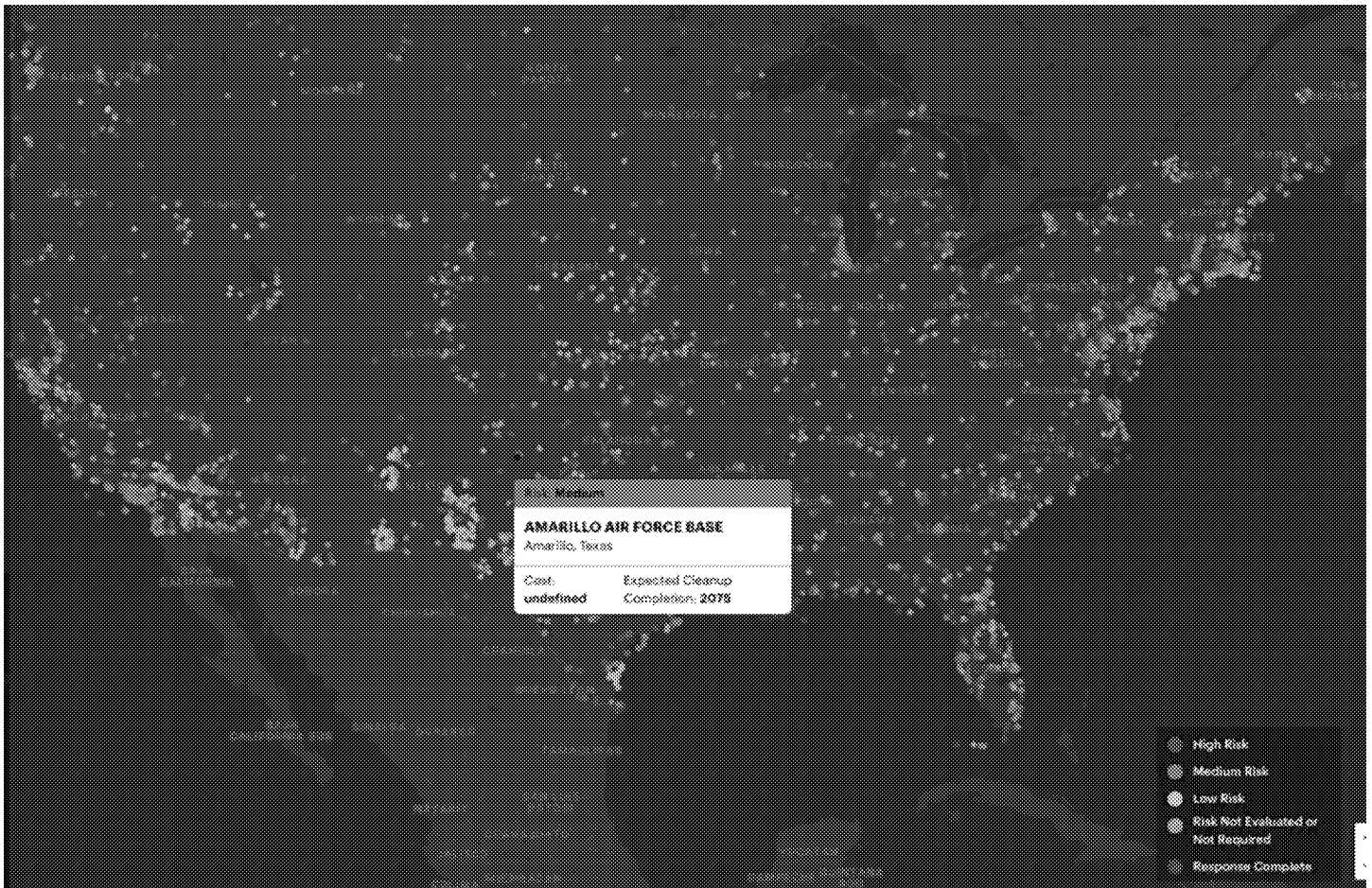
The Bomb That Went Off Twice

<https://features.propublica.org/bombs-in-our-backyard/military-pollution-rdx-bombs-holston-cornhusker/>

Also – if you didn't see it two weeks ago, check out this map. It's based on ProPublica's exclusive obtainment of the Pentagon's complete internal environmental management dataset, and it maps the locations of all 40,000 polluted military sites and tells you exactly what's on them. The most expensive of these cleanup sites? Two Billion dollars!

Bombs in Your Backyard

<https://projects.propublica.org/bombs/>



From: Abraham Lustgarten <Abraham.Lustgarten@propublica.org>

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 10:34 AM

To: Abraham Lustgarten <Abraham.Lustgarten@propublica.org>

Subject: LATEST -- Bombs in our Backyard; HOW MILITARY OUTSOURCING TURNED TOXIC

Folks,

Eager to share the latest installment in our series about the environmental legacy and outstanding liabilities of our nation's defense network. I welcome all feedback, as always.

[HOW MILITARY OUTSOURCING TURNED TOXIC: Fraud. Bribery. Incompetence. The military's use of contractors adds to a legacy of environmental damage.](#)

Regards

Abraham Lustgarten

HOW MILITARY OUTSOURCING TURNED TOXIC



From: Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>

Date: Friday, July 21, 2017 at 10:40 AM

Subject: FW: First story today -- Bombs in our Backyard; Open Burns, Ill Winds

And today the second installment in this series, about how military open burn practices trickle down to one small community in rural Louisiana.

KABOOM TOWN



The U.S. military burns millions of pounds of munitions in a tiny, African-American corner of Louisiana. The town's residents say they're forgotten in the plume.

by Abraham Lustgarten, ProPublica

*Photography by Ashley Gilbertson/VII Photo, special to ProPublica
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COMPLETE SERIES SO FAR:

STORY HERE: <https://www.propublica.org/article/military-pollution-toxic-burns-colfax-louisiana>

GRAPHIC: WHAT'S BURNED IN COLFAX?: <https://projects.propublica.org/graphics/colfax>

FIRST STORY: OPEN BURNS, ILL WINDS: <https://www.propublica.org/article/military-pollution-open-burns-radford-virginia>

MAP of US BURN SITES: <https://projects.propublica.org/graphics/burn-sites>

PHOTO ESSAY: <https://www.propublica.org/article/military-pollution-photos-colfax-louisiana-ashley-gibertson>

From: Abraham Lustgarten <Abraham.Lustgarten@propublica.org>

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 10:21 AM

To: Abraham Lustgarten <Abraham.Lustgarten@propublica.org>

Subject: First story today -- Bombs in our Backyard; Open Burns, Ill Winds

This morning ProPublica published the first story in my new investigation into the extraordinary environmental impacts of America's defense industry, its legacy on domestic lands and resources, and its record of attending to those problems. To those who have helped me with this reporting, thank you. And as always, I welcome and solicit any feedback, criticism, tips and suggestions. I look forward to working with you again over the coming months as I continue to report the future stories in this ongoing series.

Thank you,
Abrahm Lustgarten

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OPEN BURNS, ILL WINDS



The Pentagon's handling of munitions and their waste
has poisoned millions of acres, and left Americans to
guess at the threat to their health.

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